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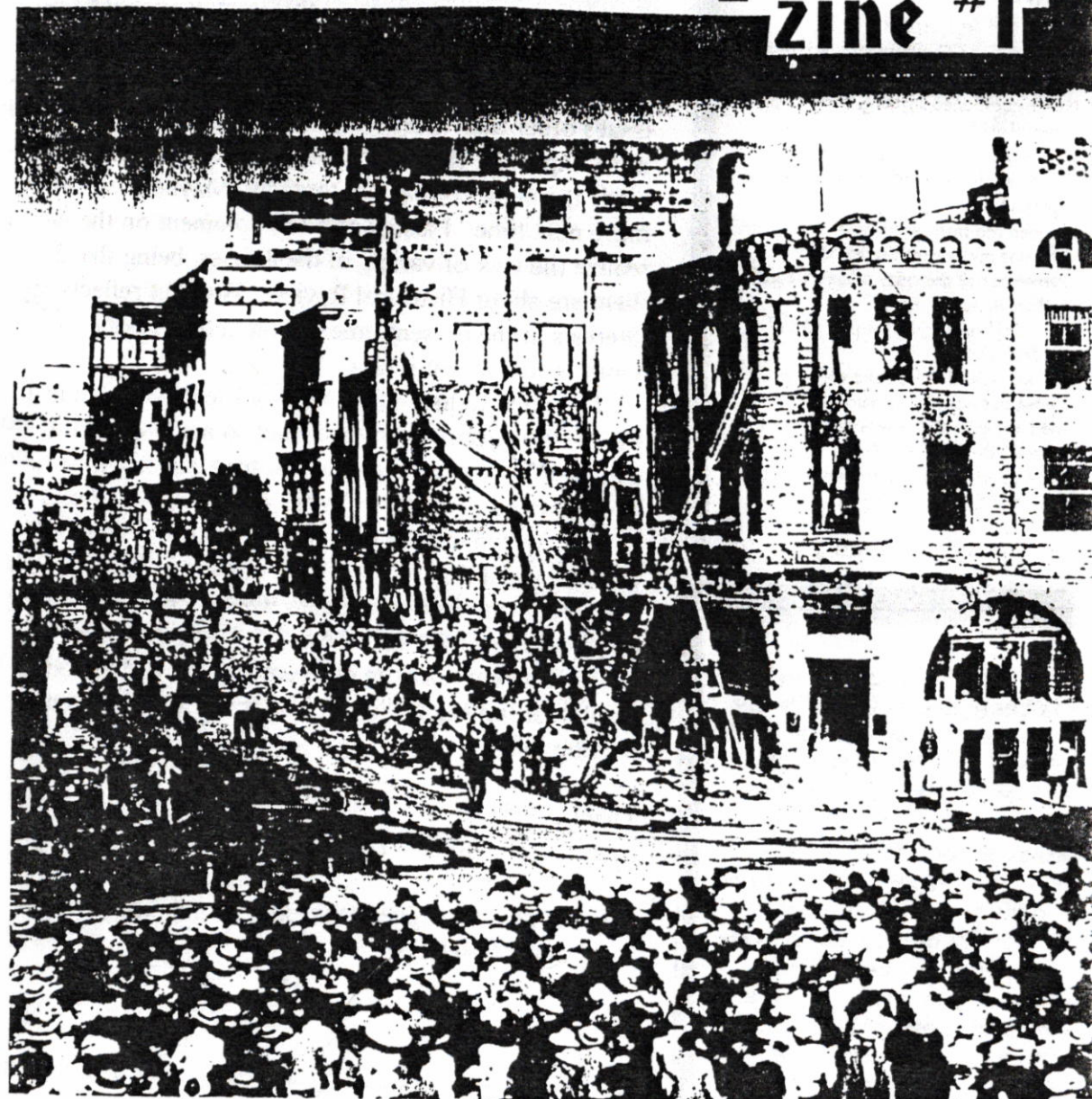


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August Spies Zine

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INTENTIONS

And the sight of the sun, rising, seems to
invalidate the words of the man so much
wiser than myself
Tells me how to work my life away, so that
I may someday
Die, knowing that I compromised
My intentions, and let my dreams turn to
dust and fade away
Leaving nothing, just so I can say
I've been a good boy mamma, played the
part that I was assigned
Never questioned anything, never stepped
out of line
But it's been eighteen years now
Of having my intentions drilled in the
ground
It's been too many years now
Of having my dreams beaten down
I remember all the crazy dreams we had
when we were younger
All ending finalized, by the prospect of
working 9 to 5
And we believed it then, and we believe it
now, but now I'm so much stronger
And I just can't see how we can sell
ourselves short any longer
It don't mean much, much to me
I'm content, Human Being

By Fifteen

The reason I put the
Fifteen song in here is
because it has had a big
effect on my life. It
was a contributing fac-
tor in my decision to
quit going to college,
and it helped me realize
I don't want to waste
my youth going to school
for four to ten more
years, get out, find a
job and get stuck in the
cycle of working the
rest of my life away.
Anyway, I'll let the
song speak for itself.

Welcome to the first issue of August Spies fanzine. I²
had originally planned on having this out in November, but
it turned out I didn't even start working on it until then. Oh
well. Anyway, I'm happy about the fact that this is going to
be free in Sioux Falls due to the generosity of a very good
friend. No guarantees about the price of the next one
though.

I hope everyone reading this can find something of
interest to them, even though I know there's not much
music info. In doing this zine I wanted to concentrate on
issues other than music--even though music is probably the
most important thing in my life and it is the medium which
binds the punk community together. Maybe there will be
more next time. I also wanted to comment on the fact that I
realize the lack of variety of the articles, being that 3 of
them are about Historical Review. But that reflects my
interests at the present time. In the future I hope to write
about more current issues.

I decided to list the sources for the articles (an idea
stolen from Con(tra) science zine) so anyone wanting more
information on the subject would have an easy time finding
it and also so you know I'm not making all this up.

Everything in here was done and put together by me
with the exception of the Fifteen and Born Against songs,
the Steal from Work pamphlet, which I thought was too
good not to reprint, and the article by Scott Freestone,
which turned out a little different from what I expected, but
thanks for writing it, Scott. That's it, I hope you enjoy
reading this.

Thanks.

brian 1-16-97

Any comments, suggestions, correspondence, write me at:
August Spies zine

On the cover: The Los Angeles Times after being bombed
by unionists.

After finishing this zine I found out I had an extra
page to work with. So here are some things I forgot
or didn't have room to include.

Although there are many more companies involved in
Burma than I mentioned in the multinational article,
I just wanted to say that the PepsiCo. is one of the
larger ones still involved in the Burmese government.

If you need to buy gas and don't want to support oil
companies involved with Nigeria or Burma, you could
buy it from Amoco which is one that has pulled out
of Burma and is not involved in Nigeria.

In the article on multinationals I mentioned writing
a letter to a government official demanding a boycott
of companies who deal with Burma. Here's a list of
some SD state officials addresses:

Sen. Tim Johnson	Sen Tom Daschle
2438 Rayburn House	317 Hart Office Building
Office Blvd.	Washington, DC 20510-4103
Washington, DC 20515-4101	

Gov. William Janklow	Mayor Gary Hanson
State Capitol	City Hall
500 E. Capitol Ave.	224 W. 9th St
Pierre, SD 57501	Sioux Falls, SD 57102

Special thanks to Terry Taylor for printing up the
Steal from Work pamphlets at the last minute.

The Black Flag of Anarchy, Antistatism in the United States by Corinne Jacker 184 pages

This book gives a detailed history of anarchism and anarchists in the United States up until the 1960's. It has good sections on anarchist utopian communities and the Haymarket Riot. This is a pretty straightforward book, nothing too exciting, but worth reading, especially for those who think anarchism was invented by punk rockers.

Anarchism and Environmental Survival by Graham Purchase 154 pages

An excellent book correlating the anarchist and green(environmental) movements. In fact it makes the argument they must coincide. This book does not merely take a philosophical look at issues having to do with an anarchist society but demonstrates how they could happen in reality. It includes good chapters on Anarcho-Syndicalism and Anarcha-Feminism. I highly recommend this for anyone who thinks dismanteling the nation state is a good idea.

The Communist Manifesto by Karl Marx 143 pages

This book was written as an inflammatory outcry against capitalist exploitation of the working class. It tells of the offenses of the bourgeoisie against the working class and what must be done to remedy the situation. The Manifesto calls upon the workers of the world to unite and revolt against their oppressors, to abolish private property and free enterprise, and to form a worker's community in which everyone would have an equal share. This is the classic text of socialism/communism and is a must read for anyone disillusioned by the capitalist society we live in today.

EL MOZOTE

Throughout history the US government has hidden and covered up things from its citizens. El Mozote is only one of them. ³

The U.S. has the historic role of supporting foreign governments who support U.S. business interests, no matter how badly the people of these countries are treated. Popular rebellions against the U.S. friendly governments are stifled with military and economic aid from the U.S. Such was the case in El Salvador.

A civil war had been underway since 1979 between the right-wing U.S. "friendly" military junta and a popular group of leftist rebels. The U.S. continued to support the right wing government, even though there had been reports of severe human rights violations, because they could not handle the threat of another communist victory in the region.

When newly elected Ronald Reagan came into office military aid rose steeply and "Reagan put holding the line against communism in El Salvador at the top of his foreign policy agenda". From 1946 to 1979 total military aid to El Salvador was \$16.7 million. In Reagan's first year in office the figure rose to \$82 million, part of which went into creating the Atlacatl Battalion, "a rapid deployment force" trained by the U.S. to fight the leftist guerrillas.

Meanwhile Congress, concerned about the human rights violations, had been pressing the Reagan Administration to make El Salvador clean up its human rights record before any more aid was given. Reagan did not take this seriously.

On Jan. 28, 1982 there were reports of a government massacre of peasants in several villages. The

HONDURAN ARMY
(AT BORDER)

ATLACATL BATTALION

PERQUIN

CERRO GIGANTE

Pueblo Viejo

La Tejera

CERRA PERIN

El Rincón

JOCOAITIQUE

Colorado

Suggested Books/Reviews

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military operation that initiated the massacre started on Dec. 8, 1981 and most of the killing took place over a three day period starting on Dec. 11, when the Atlacatl entered El Mozote looking for the leftist guerrillas. What they found were innocent peasants. The events have been reconstructed in a report by the human rights office of the Catholic Archdiocese of San Salvador, which states, "the Atlacatl troops assembled their victims and mowed them down". 794 people were murdered, most of which have been identified as children.

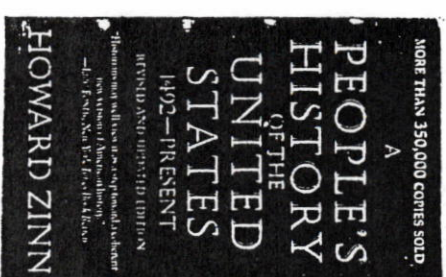
When Raymond Bonner of The New York Times and Alma Guillermoprieto of the Washington Post reported that the battalion had massacred nearly 800 people in El Mozote, it was dismissed as having "no evidence", by a top official at state, "Over credulous", said The Wall Street Journal's editorial page. A cover-up ensued. The Reagan Administration denied any credible evidence existed that a massacre had taken place. The next day Reagan certified that the Salvadoran government was making progress in human rights. Three days after certification, soldiers stormed the homes of poor people in San Salvador, dragged out twenty people, and killed them.

The Democratic Congress after denouncing, yet again, the murderous abuses of the Salvadoran regime, in the end accepted the Administration's "certification" that it's ally was none-

I decided against doing music reviews in this issue because: 1) I wanted to focus on things other than music, 2) I don't really like reading music reviews that much in the first place, especially when they comprise half of the zine they are in, 3) I don't have enough money to buy that much new music so I would be reviewing stuff that's old news. So I decided on book reviews instead, because reading is one thing I don't think people do enough of. Here are a few books which I have read lately which I would suggest for everyone to read. So turn off that TV and pick up a book.

You can find A Peoples History... and The Black Flag... at the Sioux Falls Public Library or you can order them along with Anarchism and... from a bookstore. I suggest Zandbroz because it is locally owned. Don't buy from Barnes and Noble or Waldenbooks because they are huge chain stores and they(along with Walmart, Target, Walgreens, etc.) move into small towns and cause small, independent, local stores to close by taking their business.

A People's History of the United States, 1492-Present by Howard Zinn 635 pages



This book presents the side of U.S. History that you didn't learn in school. This narrative is told from the words of the oppressed rather than the oppressor. It tells the stories of women, blacks, and Indians, replacing the rich white male's version of history which we were taught in school. The book also deals with other topics which are usually completely ignored in standard texts, such as the socialist and labor movements and the genocide of the Native Americans. It also tells the real story about government coverups and corruption. This is by far one of the best books I've read in a while. Definately worth the long read for those who want to know the truth about the history of the U.S.A.



way, who were they.

Initially nobody even knew that the two persons in the car were FBI agents. When news of the fight hit the air the largest man-hunt in the history of the FBI was launched to find three suspects, and oddly enough, all three were AIM members. They were Bob Robidau, Dino Butler, and Leonard Peltier. Robidau and Butler were arrested six weeks later in Kansas when their car exploded on the Kansas turnpike, Peltier was not arrested until fourteen months later after he had fled to Canada. And only after an illegal extradition that Canada now realizes took place.

Robidau and Butler were then tried and found not guilty on what the FBI calls trivial, no evidence. Leonard was not so lucky. The FBI was very angry over the death of two of their agents and was going to have somebody pay for it. That happened to be Leonard Peltier, he was the only person left that they could even begin to try and pin the crime on, and they were going to have their man no matter what it took.

After moving the trial to a new state and introducing new evidence that was so obviously not real, people were laughing out loud at the trial and the defense felt good and were looking for a quick dismissal of the case. This didn't happen. Leonard was found guilty of both counts of murder, his sentence was dropped to a lesser charge of third degree because the FBI overlooked a loophole in the law. Leonard Peltier is currently serving two consecutive life sentences at Leavenworth Prison.

Leonard Peltier is only one of many political prisoners in this country due to governmental scapegoats and abuse of authority. The longer that we let things like this go on in our (supposedly) free country the more we are weak and the longer they will rule over us. Take back what is rightfully yours from birth, YOUR MIND!!!!!!

Stand out in the crowd, show them what you believe, take back your life!!!!

For more information or to send support or donations call or write:

Leonard Peltier Defense Committee

PO Box 583

Lawrence, KS 66044

Phone: 913.842.5774

email: LPDC@idir.net, <http://www.unicom.net/peltier/index.html>

theless making a "significant effort to comply with internationally recognized human rights".

Later that year the New York Times removed Ray Bonner from his assignment in El Salvador. The news of El Mozote was soon forgotten to the public, and aid to El Salvador not only continued, but soon increased.

Salvadoran troops and U.S. officials said the massacre never happened, but a mass grave says it did. In 1992 a team of forensic anthropologists began unearthing skeletons from the site of the massacre, most of them children; the following year a UN commission confirmed the story of the massacre at El Mozote.

-This is one of the many reasons we need to question what our government tells us. We must realize that we are only told what they want us to hear. Every thing we hear in the news, on television, from our teachers, has been written (censored) so as to make the U.S. the saintly nation which it isn't.

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This is a song that was written by
Born Against

EL MOZOTE

Somewhere in El Salvador there's a grave for 700
pits full of guts and kids who were tortured and hunted
By death squad soldiers who won't ever be purged or punished
Paid for by a government that our tax dollars funded

El Mozote (x3)

But that was so long ago and our officials have retired
And once the stench is gone it's easier to forgive liars
And there's so many atrocities this nation's since acquired
And a My Lai doesn't mean much when the papers stay quiet

What's Wrong with

A multinational corporation is one that is based in one country (usually a rich developed country such as the U.S. or Britain) but uses the resources, natural and human, of another (usually a developing third world country). The problems with multinationals are numerous and they include taking money out of developing countries and violating the laws of these countries. As is the case of Coke and Pepsi in India where George Fernandes, a member of the India parliament, believes that Coke and Pepsi should not be allowed to do business again in India. He claims that the two multinationals will only take money out of the country which could otherwise be used to provide India's poor with decent jobs. The firms also violated the Indian Foreign Exchange Regulation Act in the late 1970's.

There are three main problems with multinationals. They are 1) The people of developing countries who work for them are paid poorly and are denied basic rights, 2) They are guilty of environmental violations, and 3) They often support governments which are guilty of human rights violations against their own people.

Over the past few decades multinational corporations have been moving their factories from their own countries to developing third world countries. They do this because by moving their factories to third world countries they can get by paying employees slave wages whereas if they remained in their own country they would have to pay their employees at least minimum wage and would have to deal with labor unions. They also won't have any one hounding them about worker safety standards.

Nike is one of these corporations. In 1992 Nike paid part-time employee Michael Jordan more than the combined yearly income of the 30,000 young women who worked under horrendous conditions to put together Nike's shoes. Over the past two decades Nike has closed its factories in New Hampshire and Maine and sub contracted work to factories in Korea and Taiwan, where workers were paid poorly and denied basic rights. As unions spread in both of those countries, Nike shifted its suppliers to Indonesia, China and Thailand where it could depend on governments to suppress independent union organizing efforts.

There have been reports of employers hitting workers and other labor abuses in the factories, and even though much pressure has been put on Nike, not much has come about. It still refuses to demand that its suppliers respect worker's rights to form unions and bargain collectively, key elements in the fight for livable wages and benefits, and it refuses to spot check

So, now on to the point of all this. The article that you are about to read is not packed with facts, and it's not full of reasons for or against any of the parties involved. All of that is for you to decide, there are hundreds of books and dozens of movies (for all of you who would rather look at pictures than words) (Incident at Oglala is a very good one-ed.) that you can get a hold of on this subject. Use your own mind and decide for yourselves, that's what this is all about.

It begins here in South Dakota, more specifically Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and even more specifically the Jumping Bull Compound on that reservation. I'll start at the very beginning. A young Indian, Jimmy Eagle who lived on Pine Ridge was earlier in the year (1975) accused of stealing a pair of boots from a local merchant. Whether this is true or not has nothing to do with the story, but Jimmy Eagle does. This particular morning two FBI agents, Williams and Kohler, chose to drive onto the Jumping Bull complex supposedly following a vehicle that Jimmy Eagle was in. They also talked about, as they drove onto the complex, a warrant that they had for his arrest. This warrant has, to this day, never been seen. Now, being that the complex is private tribal land, the agents had no lawful reason to be there. This is why the alibi of Eagle was used.

To fully understand what happened next you have to look at what type of situation the reservation was in at this time. Pine Ridge was one of, if not the very, least developed and poor reservations in the country. The state of the people on it was one of complete despair, they had nothing and were not looking forward to ever getting anything. All they asked for was the right to live a traditional way of life. This seems like a small request that would not be hard to grant. But at this point in time the tribal committee was being run by President Dick Wilson. Wilson was a very contemporary native American and wanted a contemporary, or white, way of life for the reservation. Strangely enough 90 percent of all the committee members had similar feelings. They were completely opposed to any traditional movements. One of these movements was A.I.M., or the American Indian Movement. AIM was a group of traditional Indians who did whatever it took to uphold traditional values. AIM was one of the main targets of Wilson's army coalition, better known to residents as the GOON SQUADS. Tension was very high on the reservation and there were conflicts everyday between members of opposite sides. Strangers were treated as enemies, even the sincerity of friends was questioned. The reservation became a state of war, you couldn't trust anybody, especially if they were white and often even if they weren't.

It was with this knowledge that the two agents drove onto private Indian land, and also with the knowledge that there was a camp full of AIM members staying there. The car stopped on a small hill approximately one-hundred yards from the camp. This is where the story begins to get a little bit shady, one shot was fired, nobody knows by which side, and cross-fire began. When all was done the two agents were dead and hundreds of questions were left unanswered. Who was it, why were they there any-

Multinationals?



factories for workers rights violations.

The Gap, Fruit of the Loom, and Disney are just a few of the many companies who are guilty of the same violations. In factories in El Salvador that produce clothes for the Gap, girls as young as 13 work in horrible conditions up to 70 hours a week earning less than 60 cents an hour.

The situation in Ireland is also bad. Ireland is increasingly promoted as a place where international corporations can find cheap labor and a disciplined workforce. Fruit of Loom workers there are getting paid according to how much they produce, and they have to do 100 percent of the quota before they get paid in full. Workers were also forced to join a company union which has done nothing for them and includes a no-strike clause in its contract. And while the workers at the plants in Ireland get low paying jobs, Fruit of the Loom received about \$43.5 million in grants from the Republic of Ireland and \$42.1 million from the United Kingdom.

The passing of NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) will help perpetuate these problems. The relocation of large multinational corporations to Mexico under NAFTA due to lower labor costs and less stringent work place standards is predicted to significantly affect workers well being and erode health and safety expenditures in Mexico.

Not only do multinationals exploit workers in foreign lands, they are also guilty of destroying the environment, violating the land rights of Native people's and propping up governments guilty of killing and enslaving its own people. Last Autumn Shell Oil tried to dump obsolete and useless oil platforms into the North Sea. This would have dumped enormous amounts of radioactive and toxic waste into the ecosystem. 200 of the platforms remain afloat in nearby waters. Fortunately Shell aborted these plans do to public outcry and efforts by Greenpeace.

In Nigeria human rights abuses and environmental abuses coincide. Shell Oil has been taking oil from Nigeria for the past four decades. The result of this has been the environmental degradation of the Ogoni people's land. There have been more than 200 oil spills from Shell's pipeline, which have turned fishing waters black with oil and destroyed farmlands and crops. The spills also place the Niger river delta, home of the Ogonis and the world's largest mangrove forest, in danger.

Shell produces 80 percent of the Nigerian government's

BY SCOTT FREESTONE

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When I began to write this article I faced a problem that I didn't ever see coming, personal politics. What I mean by this being a problem is that I planned on sitting down and telling a story with only facts, completely un-biased and to the point. This unfortunately is not what happened when I finally got around to doing it. Instead I re-wrote it about twenty times, and each time I still found something wrong with what I had written. It seemed that every time I would begin to write I would inadvertently throw things in that I didn't mean to. Let me explain. The first time it swayed much to heavily to his innocence, the second it was the complete opposite being as I was consciously trying not to make the same mistake that I made the first time, the third brought me right back to where I started. The fourth wasn't completely my fault because my typewriter ran out of ribbon, but that's beside the point, the point is that every thing we pass on is biased with our own opinions and what is happening in our own lives at that present time. This, sadly enough, is the large problem with American (all) history. Take for example the bible, how are you to know that you have an exact translation of what you read in it. Please don't think that this is in any way condemning Christianity or any religion but even though "God" may have inspired that text, he had nothing to do with it's translation into english. Now, did that translators personal politics come into play when he was translating, or are you reading an exact replica of the original text. The answer has to be that the text is different, not even a devout christian can argue with that. Recently I was talking with a friend who happens to be attending seminary, we were discussing the fact that the bible states that women can not hold positions in the church and are inferior to men. You may try to argue with this, but the bible that we know plainly states that women are here first to serve "God" and second to serve their husband. He told me that original hebrew text uses a uni-sex term in most cases, some exempt. So when you are reading an english bible and you come across the term men the only way to translate this is a plural form of MAN, not mankind, MAN. So somebody obviously made a slip somewhere right, wrong. Whoever translated plainly knew that it was meant for both sexes but for some reason chose to write what most likely, HE, wanted to. And now that I'm completely off the subject of this article let me go a little further. This problem shows up all throughout history, our problem is that we are either to busy or lazy to recognize it for what it is, and that's a blatant attempt to fuck us over. Now why would you let somebody do that to you. We need to learn to stop taking their shit lying down and stand up for yourself. Stop taking everything that your taught in school as fact. Everybody wants to be their own person, so be that person. That's all that anybody could ever ask of you. Sometimes the things that you learn turn out for the better, sometimes for the worst, but at least you know what's the truth. And as we love to say here in America, "That's the way the cookie crumbles."

revenue, Even though this government which Shell props up is guilty of severe human rights violations. In 1995 Shell hired 8 Nigerian Police to stop MOSOP(Movement for Survival of the Ogoni People) environmental protestors. The result of this has been devastating for the Ogoni. It is estimated that the police destroyed 30 Ogoni villages and have killed 2000 people. Nine activists were hung after a secret trial for dubious murder charges and 17 are still in prison facing the same sentence.

Texaco, Unocol(Union 76), and Total are three more multinational oil companies which are guilty of polluting lands and supporting unfriendly governments. Texaco's drilling for oil and construction of a pipeline through Ecuador's rainforest has resulted in oil spills equal to 150 percent of the amount spilled by the Exxon Valdez.

These three corporations are also big players in the Myanmar (formerly Burma) military dictatorship. More than two-thirds of the governments revenue comes from foreign-oil companies. This dictatorship is guilty of horrendous human rights violations including the shooting of thousands of peaceful, anti-dictatorship protestors, the burning of temples, raping of young girls by SLORC(the military dictatorship) soldiers, and the enslavement of pregnant women.

In 1989 Aung San Suukyi, leader of the National League for Democracy, was placed under house arrest to deter voters from choosing the NLD over the SLORC. When the National League for Democracy won 82 percent of the parliamentary seats the generals of the SLORC threw most of the newly elected parliament into prison and turned Burma into "a prison without walls", according to Amnesty International.

The SLORC has since turned Burma into a slave labor camp, forcing it's population, including children as young as 9 years, to work without pay to "develop" it's country. This includes the building of a railway on which 20,000 adults and children have been forced to work, out of which 300 have died from exhaustion and disease or have been killed. This railway is being built in part to transfer soldiers and supplies to the oil pipeline which is being built through Burma by Unocol, Texaco, and Total. Which, by the way runs through one of Mainland Asia's last rainforests. There have also been reports that slave labor is being used to build the pipeline.

-So anyway the point of this article was to demonstrate to you how bad multinational corporations can be and try to convince you not to support these corporations which do these terrible things. Money (unfortunately) has power, and you can choose where you spend your money and I hope it won't be with these corporations. Maybe these corporations will change their ways if enough people Boycott them. Another thing to do is protest

Self last words are as follows:

Splies: "There will come a time when our silence will be more powerful than the voices you strangle today!"

Fischer: "Hurrah for anarchy-this is the happiest moment of my life!"

Engel: "Hurrah for anarchy!"

Parsons: "Will I be allowed to speak, O men of America? Let the voice of the people be heard! O--"

And then the four were dead.

In Nov. of 1892 John Peter Altgeld, the newly elected governor of Ill. made it one of his first official acts to review the Haymarket trial. After study he issued a statement declaring that the trial was unfair, that the evidence was in large measure perjured or improper. Then he pardoned absolutely Fielden, Neebe, and Schwab in 1893.

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POST SCRIPT

This is one the things I was never taught in history class. History as a whole needs to be reexamined and rewritten. The history which we were taught was written by rich white males who ignored the importance of women, minorities, social movements and so on. So having been taught falsehoods and half-truths we must question(as always) what we are told and retach ourselves history as it really happened.

MASS-MEETING

TO-NIGHT, at 7.30 o'clock,

HAYMARKET, Randolph St, Bel Desplaines and Halsted

Good Speakers will be present to denounce the latest atrocious act of the police. the shooting of our fellow-workmen yesterday afternoon.

Workingmen Arm Yourselves and Appear in Full Force!

Attention Workingmen!

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strikers of the McCormick Harvester Works, adjacent to where Spies was speaking, and police. Police fired upon strikers running from the scene, killing four and wounding many. Upon hearing the news Spies was outraged and went to print a flyer calling "workingmen to arms", and a meeting was planned for May 4 at Haymarket Square.

About 3 thousand were in attendance. The meeting was peaceful, and speeches were made by Spies, Parsons, and Fielden against McCormick and other capitalists, but no call for violent action was made. Just as the meeting was coming to a close police arrived and ordered Fielden, who was speaking at the time, to stop. Then a dynamite bomb went off in the middle of the police. Sixty-six police were wounded, seven later died. The police, outraged, attacked, firing wildly into the crowd, killing several and wounding two hundred.

No one to this day knows who threw the bomb. But the Anarchists were publicly blamed for it at once, and the newspapers demanded vengeance. The police began to break up anarchist groups with fervor. They made an extended series of raids often without warrants, breaking into and searching private homes, offices and meeting halls.

Finally eight men were arrested for the murder. None of the men were actually accused of throwing the bomb. They were on trial for their beliefs. They were accused of prompting the bomb thrower with their speeches and editorials. The judge ruled all 8 to be tried together so evidence against one would weigh against them all and an unprejudiced jury was impossible. At least 4 of the 12 men finally selected admitted in the examination that they hated all anarchists, socialists, and communists. The jury found the men guilty and the judge sentenced seven to death.

John Peter Altgeld, the next governor of Ill. reviewed the trial and his opinion of the testimony was: "much of the evidence given at the trial was pure fabrication; some of the prominent police officials, in their zeal, not only terrorized ignorant men by throwing them into prison and threatening them with torture if they refused to swear to anything desired, but they offered money and employment to those who would consent to do this".

Not only were the Anarchists to be murdered but along with them would go anarchism, socialism, and other movements in America which challenged capitalism and the State.

All appeals for a retrial were denied, and attemptst to win clemency from the governor were futile. Louis Lingg committed suicide in his cell, and the governor commuted Fielen and Schwabs death sentences to life imprisonment. Spies, Parsons, Fischer and Engel were placed on the gallows.

in front of these businesses. Or write the mayor, governor, or Congress to request a boycott of such corporations. Already Selective Purchasing Laws, which prevent public funds from going to companies that trade with or invest in Burma, have been enacted by six American cities, including San Francisco, Berkley, Madison, Oakland, (New York City is debating it) and the state of Massachusetts. This is proof that things can be changed, but it must start with you because no one is going to do it for you.

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A SIDE NOTE ON COCA-COLA

In 1991 Atlanta started making itself ready for the Olympics. In order to do this it had to make itself presentable to the world (meaning the hiding of the poor and homeless). It did this by bulldozing poor neighborhoods and homeless shelters to make way for Olympic structures such as the Georgia Dome and Centennial Olympic Park. It also raised rents at public housing projects so high people were forced to move out. Restaurants around Atlanta also did their part in attacking the poor and homeless by pouring chlorine bleach on the food in dumpsters, making it inedible.

The city also passed these "anti-homeless" ordinances which:

- outlaw "agressive" panhandling
- outlaw being in a vacant building even if the owner is not present
- outlaw "remaining in a parking lot" if you don't own a car in the lot

The Coca-Cola Corporation, whose headquarters are in Atlanta, was one of the biggest sponsors of the Olympic games and Atlanta's attacks on the poor and homeless.

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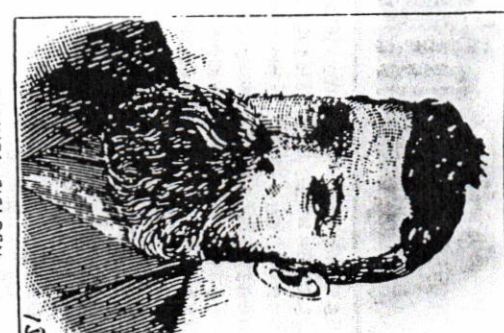
MAY BE BEATEN



AUGUST SPIES



ALBERT R. PARSONS



SAMUEL FIELDEN

THE HAYMARKET RIOT

You may be wondering why I chose "August Spies" for the name of this zine. I did this because August Spies is just another example of people who are put on trial in this country for their beliefs, even though we supposedly have the freedom to believe whatever we want and to speak out about whatever we want. This has happened countless times throughout history and continues today. August Spies was an innocent man who was put to death for what he believed in. The following is the story of what happened.

During the late 1870's and early '80's the labor movement had been growing in Chicago. The unions had been winning major victories. Yet strikers were still fighting for an 8 hour work day and better wages and working conditions. Anarchism was also a growing movement in Chicago with Albert Parsons, August Spies and Samuel Fielden leading the movement. The Anarchists urged the workingmen to fight for their demands and not to give in.

On May 1st the Chicago "Mail" asked that Albert Parsons and August Spies, the Anarchist leaders of the International Working People's Association, be watched, "Keep them in view. Hold them personally responsible for any trouble that occurs. Make an example of them if trouble occurs".

Also on May 1st, 1886 the American Federation of Labor called for nation-wide strikes wherever the 8 hour workday was refused. After two days of strikes in Chicago without bloodshed violence finally erupted.

August Spies had been asked to address some strikers on May 3. During Spies's speech violence broke out between

INTERESTING FACTS

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December 19, 1994-

-The world's 358 billionaires have a combined net worth of \$760 billion, equal to that of the bottom 45 percent of the world population.

-The average CEO in the U.S. now brings home about 149 times the average factory worker's pay.

-In recent years an estimated 18 percent of American workers with full time jobs earned poverty level wages.

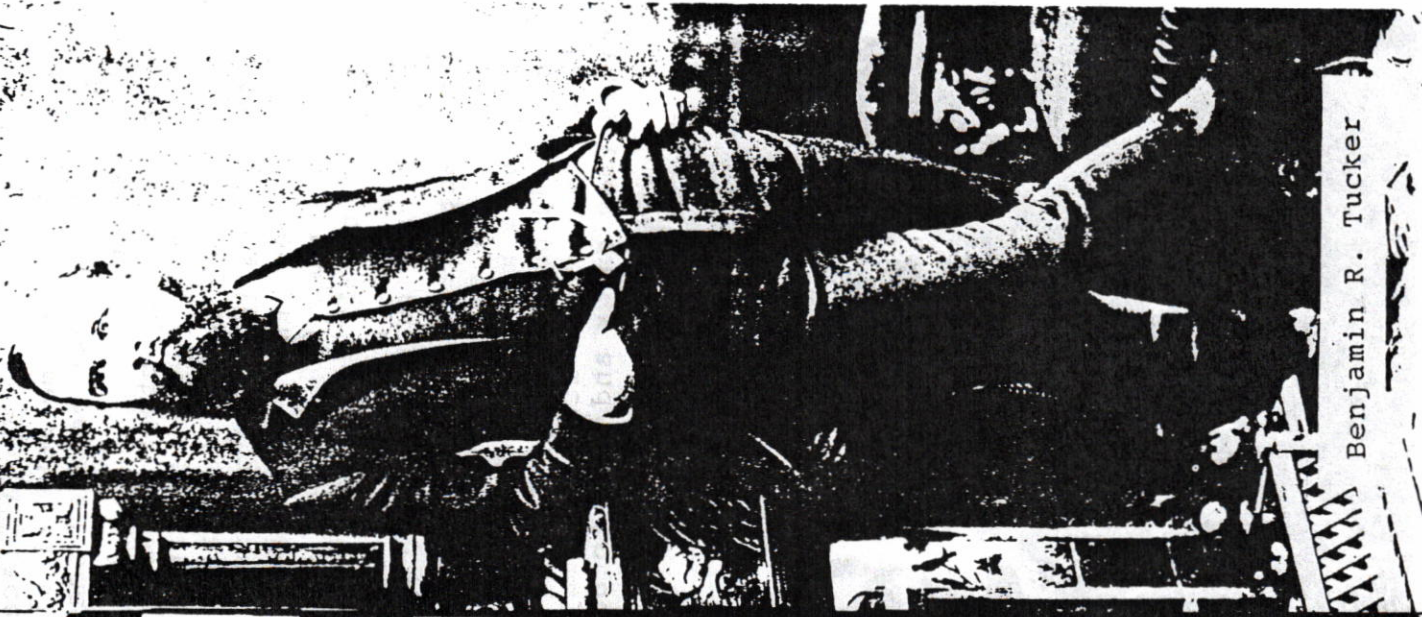
-Every other black child in America is born into a family living below the poverty line.

-Since 1973, the number of American children living in poverty has increased by 50 percent, so that 22 percent now grow up poor, and the number keeps increasing.

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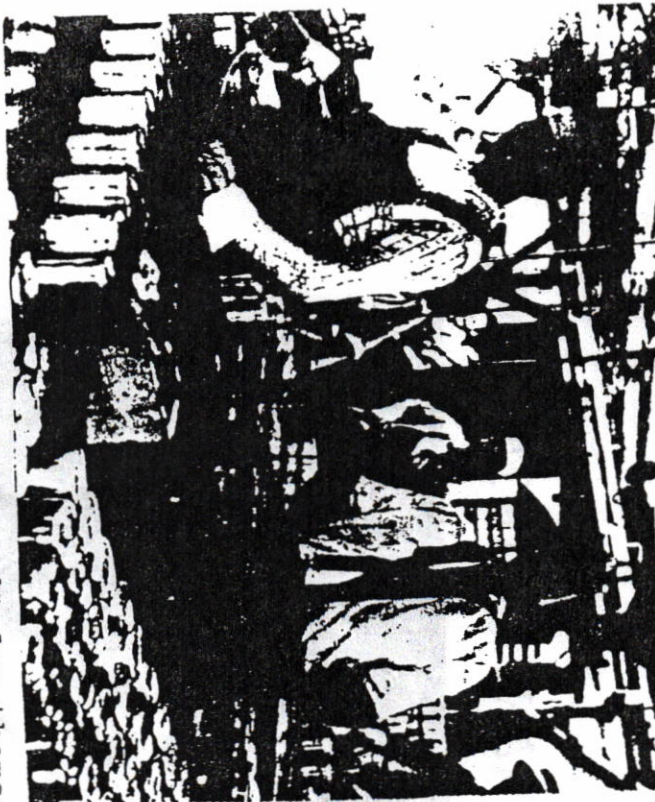


NOT BE SUPPRESSED



Benjamin R. Tucker

THOUGHTS ON WORK



I recently discussed the issue of work with one of my friends. It turned out we had very different views on the issue. He said he felt good after a hard days work-like he accomplished something. I said I felt like I had wasted my time. Here are my thoughts on working.

I consider myself part of the proletariat (working class). I want to emphasize the fact that different economic classes do in fact exist in the U.S., even though we have been taught to think of the U.S. as being a classless society in which everyone is equally

privileged and can "make good" for themselves. I also consider myself a wage-slave. By this I mean I(we) am(are) forced to work meaningless jobs for minimum or slightly above minimum wage-by the way, the value of minimum wage is decreasing proportionately to the rate of inflation. This means that even though minimum wage may be increasing in dollar amount, it buys less than it used to. Aside from the fact that the value of the wage we work for is decreasing, we must question why we need to work for this wage at all.

One answer to this is that we live in a Capitalist society which relies on overproduction of products and mass consumption by consumers in which to make huge profits. These profits are not then evenly distributed as advocates of "trickle-down" economics would like us to believe. The lions share is kept by the owners of the businesses.

Another answer to this is rent. At some point in history someone decided that people have the right to own land. Which to me is an absurd notion. How can someone say that the land they "own" belongs to them just because they paid money for it, when it has been there long before they were there and will be there long after they were there. But it seems our government agrees with the fact that land is supposed to be owned.(Even though if there was a rightful owner it would be the Native Am-

ericans who were killed and forced from there homes to make way for the imperialist white-man on this continent).

The State has gone to great lengths to make it illegal for people who do not own or rent land to go to sleep at night. 1/3 people who do not pay for a place to sleep are harassed by cops (It's happened to me several times), given tickets, and even thrown in jail, just because they do not or can not pay for a place to sleep.

There are many other answers to the question of why we need to work, such as food, clothing, etc. It's not that I'm against working, but if we, society as a whole, rejected the capitalist system we live in and organize communities which produce only what they need, there would be no more need for people to work 40+ hours a week for low pay overproducing products and services which are totally unneeded, just to get by each month.

With the need for mass production gone people would be able to provide, for themselves and others in their community, services and products necessary for survival, such as shelter, food, and clothing. By only producing what is needed people would be able to work very minimal amounts and enjoy their work because they would be doing something for the betterment of their community. This in turn would leave the majority of people's time(life) for things they enjoy and want to do.

